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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A strainer lock apparatus, system and method for
installing and removing a strainer in a sink or tub. A first
member has a top end with a locking mechanism that can include
a slot. The mechanism is inserted into apertures of the
strainer. The first member can be rotated, resulting in
retainer bars of the strainer being inserted and secured in
10 the slot of the locking mechanism. The first member can then
hang freely from the cross members, secured by the locking
mechanism. A second member with a threaded lock attached
thereto is placed over the first member. A portion of the
bottom end of the first member extends past the bottom end of
15 the second member. An end piece is attached to the extended
portion of the first member, thereby preventing the second
member from falling from the first member. The second member
and lock are brought into contact with the threaded surface of
the top strainer section and rotated around the first member.
20 The lock is then secured to the plumbing component, and a
surface of the sink tub is secured between a flange of the
strainer and a face of the lock.

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